

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A cucumber mosaic virus strain Y (CMV-Y) wherein a region from a StuI site to a stop codon of an ORF encoding 2b protein of RNA2 is deleted and a region from an initiation codon to the StuI site of the ORF encoding 2b protein of RNA2 remains.

Claims 2-3 (Cancelled).

4. (Previously Presented) The CMV-Y vector according to Claim 1, further comprising nucleotides 1 to 22 (CGAGGCCTGACGCGTGTACGTA) of SEQ ID NO: 1).

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A recombinant vector, comprising a cucumber mosaic virus strain Y (CMV-Y) vector wherein a region from a StuI site to a stop codon of an ORF encoding 2b protein of RNA2 is deleted, a region from an initiation codon to the StuI site of the ORF encoding 2b protein of RNA2 remains, and a foreign polynucleotide encoding a protein is introduced into the StuI site.

7. (Previously Presented) A method of expressing a polynucleotide in a plant comprising introducing the recombinant vector defined in Claim 6 in a manner to stably express the protein encoded by the foreign polynucleotide in the plant.